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The references were cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent application Serial No. 09/689,626 filed October 13, 2000, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR 1.98(d).

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